

# Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

## Addendum

MIHP Number: B-2335

Property Name: Resinol Chemical Co. Building  
Property Address: 517 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Based on a site visit conducted on December 14, 2005 by John Milner Associates, on behalf of Maryland Mass Transit Administration (MTA), this property is no longer extant.

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**The Resinol Chemical Company Building**  
**517 West Lombard Street**  
**(B-2335)**

The building was constructed in 1904 by Dr. Merville H. Carter, Allen L. Carter, and Henry S. Dulany as an industrial processing building for the Resinol Chemical Company, which manufactured medicinal soaps and ointments. The Italianate-style building continued to serve the company as a chemical manufacturing plant and headquarters until 1977, when it was purchased by the State of Maryland in 1980 for future use in the university system. Today, the Resinol Chemical Company Building survives as an unaltered example of the industrial processing and warehouse structures commonly constructed in Baltimore at the turn of the 20th century. The building is the first factory and distribution center for the Resinol Chemical Company, which merged with the Mentholatum Company.

Set upon a brick and stone foundation, the Resinol Chemical Company Building is an attached structure presented in an urbane Italianate-style of architecture. It stands four-stories in height and is three bays wide with side- and central-entries. Constructed of brick, the structure has a pressed brick facade laid in all stretcher bond, while the rear wall is laid in five-course American bond. The first story is marked by a limestone base, paneled show windows, and a stone entablature supported by cast iron pilasters and engaged columns. A hollow metal cornice with modillions and dentils extends across the facade of the building. It is covered by a sloped roof, clad in a composite material. A large interior end brick chimney is located on the east elevation.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Resinol Chemical Company Building

common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 517 West Lombard Street not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Baltimore vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state Maryland code MD county Independent City code 510

zip code 21201

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ private  
\_\_\_\_\_ public-local  
 X  public-State  
\_\_\_\_\_ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X  building(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ district  
\_\_\_\_\_ site  
\_\_\_\_\_ structure  
\_\_\_\_\_ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing      Noncontributing

<u> 1 </u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u> 1 </u>	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_

No  X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Industry/Processing/Extraction  
Commerce/Trade

Sub: Manufacturing Facility  
Warehouse

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant

Sub: Not in Use

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone and Brick

roof Sloped: Composite

walls Brick: All Stretcher Bond

other Brick: Five-Course American Bond

Brick: Parged

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Economic: Commercial and Industrial  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance 1904-1977  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1904  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
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Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The building at 517 West Lombard Street is located in Ward 4, Section 8, Block 630, on Lot 11. It is on the south side of West Lombard Street, approximately midpoint between South Paca and South Greene streets.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The building designated as 517 West Lombard Street has been historically associated with Lot 11 since its construction in 1904.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Laura V. Trieschmann, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date August 20, 1995  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815  
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12. Property Owner  
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name State of Maryland, for use by the University of Maryland  
street & number 301 West Preston Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21201  
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The building at 517 West Lombard Street, historically known as the Resinol Chemical Company Building, was constructed in 1904 as an industrial factory. The building is a four-story brick structure designed in an urbane Italianate-style of architecture. Constructed within a historically residential block at the edge of the University of Maryland at Baltimore campus, the building capitalizes on its architectural detailing to harmoniously contribute to an already highly developed neighborhood. Despite no longer being utilized as an industrial factory, the Resinol Chemical Company Building maintains its original architectural detailing on both the exterior and interior.

**SITE**

The imposing four-story brick building at 517 West Lombard Street is located on the south side of the street between Paca and Greene streets. The building fronts on West Lombard Street, directly across from Davidge Hall. The attached industrial building currently adjoins its neighbor at 515 West Lombard Street on the east elevation, while the University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB) Health Sciences Library at 111 South Greene Street abuts it to the west. When the industrial building was originally constructed, the west elevation adjoined a single-family dwelling was located at 519 West Lombard Street. The three-story house was demolished and replaced by the current Health Sciences Library in the 1980s. The rear of the Resinol Chemical Company Building, facing Lemmon Street, is exposed.

**EXTERIOR**

Set upon a brick and stone foundation, the Resinol Chemical Company Building is an attached structure presented in an urbane Italianate-style of architecture. It stands four-stories in height and is three bays wide with side- and central-entries. Constructed of brick, the structure has a pressed brick facade laid in all stretcher bond, while the rear wall is laid in five-course American bond. The first story is marked by a limestone base, paneled show windows, and a stone entablature supported by cast iron pilasters and engaged columns. A hollow metal cornice with modillions and dentils extends across the facade of the building. It is covered by a sloped roof, clad in a composite material. A large interior end brick chimney is located on the east elevation.

The facade (north elevation) is divided into three wide bays with

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commercial entries on the first story and regularly spaced openings on the upper levels. As originally constructed, the building was used as the processing plant and company headquarters, requiring the need for two separate entries. The first story, set on a limestone base, consists of a side entry door and a centrally placed entry flanked with show windows. The three bays of the first story are formed by engaged metal Ionic columns and brick pilasters that extend to the stone entablature above. The pilasters, located at the corners of the facade, are set upon limestone bases and alternate five-courses of brick with textured stone. The metal Ionic columns flanking the central entry are fluted with egg-and-dart, bead-and-reel, and water leaf motifs.

The first bay, located at the eastern end, is filled with a single show window that has been covered with plywood. The base of the window is finished with recessed wood panels, also now covered with plywood. The window originally operated as a two-light hopper window, allowing ventilation and light into the building. Above the show window is a transom with one fixed light. The centrally placed main entry bay to the manufacturing spaces is filled with paneled double doors of wood with a single light each. The doors are operable by the original brass push plates, thumb piece, and handles. The entry is flanked by commercial show windows, identically presented to the show window found in the first bay. Above the 1/1 fixed windows and double entry door are triple transoms with one fixed light each. The western bay contains the side entry leading to the office space of the company. The entry has a single paneled wood door with an elongated light. A narrow fixed window with a single panel below is set to the east of the door. Both window and door of this bay are topped by two transoms. All of the window and door openings on the first story are edged with round-edged surrounds and mullions of wood.

The first story is marked by a stone entablature that served as the name plate for the Resinol Chemical Company. The fillet and cyma reversa-molded entablature extends the width of the building. It is finished with a paneled wood name plate capped by motifs of bead-and-reel. Stone medallions, located at either end of the entablature, are ornamented with volutes, leaves, and guttas.

The second and third stories of the facade feature a centrally placed, triple window opening flanked by single window openings. Slightly recessed, the segmental-arched openings extend from above the stone entablature to the third story. The recesses are capped with jack-arched lintels and massive keystone consoles with

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volute, beading, and an ogee corniced shelf. The first and third bays have 1/1 segmental-arched windows on the second story and 2/2 segmental-arched windows on the third story. The central bay has a large triple opening with a central 2/2 window and narrower 1/1 side windows. The openings of the triple window are separated by paneled wood mullions. The second and third stories of the wide opening are divided by a stone insert ornamented with three recessed panels featuring water leaves-and-darts, rope, and egg-and-darts motifs. All of the openings is trimmed with large beaded surrounds, stone sills, bracketed sashes, and jack-arched lintels.

The fourth story is pierced by four, equally-spaced openings with 2/2 windows, stone sills, bracketed sashes, and jack-arched lintels with slightly projecting brick keystones. The roofline is marked by a metal entablature that extends the width of the facade. The overhanging, ogee-molded cornice includes modillions, egg-and-darts, and dentil molding.

The west elevation, visible above the two-story building at 111 South Greene Street, is parged and has no window openings.

The south rear elevation of the Resinol Chemical Company Building is five bays wide and four stories in height. Constructed of brick laid in five-course American bond, the elevation is raised slightly by a poured concrete loading dock with stepped brick side walls. The first story of the south elevation has a central entry with a double door and a single light transom with metal muntins. The flush door is constructed of metal and edged with a large beaded surround. The entry is flanked by two elongated window openings obscured by double metal shutters. The openings are segmentally arched and have jack-arched brick lintels and stone sills. The upper three stories of the south elevation have equally spaced segmental-arched window openings all with stone sills, jack-arched lintels, and double metal shutters. The second and third story openings are elongated, while the fourth story is the standard length. The roofline is marked by a corbelled brick cornice. A metal fire escape, extending to the roof, has been attached to the two bays at the eastern end of the south elevation.

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**INTERIOR**

The interior of the Resinol Chemical Company Building consists of four floors and a basement with an open plan. The first floor contains two straight-flight stairs leading to the upper floors. The northern-most stair, enclosed by beaded boards, is accessible through single entries on the exterior and in the interior of the building. The second stair, located at mid-point on the west wall, has an enclosed vertical board baluster and square newel post. A square steam generated elevator shaft is located to the direct south of the second stair on the west wall. Large walk-in metal safes, marked "Hall's Safe Company," are located on the east wall of the first floor. A dumb waiter with a voice box is located to the north of the safes. The first floor is finished with the original wood floors, exposed six-course American bond brick walls, and a ceiling comprised of metal beaded sheets. The walls surrounding the main entry and the enclosed entry to the second floor stair are comprised of vertical wood boards. The window casings are wood with a recessed ogee molding, while the main entry stair are edged with single beaded surrounds. The entry door to the enclosed stair is trimmed with molded pilaster casing and bull's eye cornerblocks. A metal crown molding with a double bead encompasses the ceiling.

The second floor contains office space at the northern end and storage closets at the southern end. The floors of the office space are wood covered with linoleum, edged with an eight-inch, ogee capped baseboard. The windows and doors of the office are trimmed with molded pilaster casing. The walls are plaster and the ceiling is covered with beaded metal sheets. The dividing walls of the office are made of recessed wood panels topped by glass panels and transoms. The stair located in the office has turned balusters, wall stringer, and an anti-dust newel post.

The main portion of the second floor has linoleum covered wood floors, exposed brick walls, and beaded metal sheets on the ceiling. The stair is enclosed with beaded wood boards and a board-and-batten door. The elevator shaft is similarly clad with beaded boards capped with metal screen transoms. The storage areas in the southern end of the room are made of beaded boards with six-paneled doors. Direct lighting pendants with round metal reflectors hang from the ceiling.

Similar to the second floor, the third and fourth floors are finished with linoleum covered wood floors, exposed brick walls,



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and ceilings of beaded metal sheets. The spaces are accessible by the elevator and the second enclosed stair located on the west wall. The third floor is entirely open with a single metal supporting beam. The fourth floor, used for manufacturing, has a mechanical room at the northern end. The machinery, marked "BG 45 Universal Blower, ILG Electric Ventilating Company, Chicago, IL," is located in a space created by dividing walls made of wood panels, 8/8 windows, and two-light awning transoms. The remainder of the fourth floor is open space, supported by four king truss posts.

The basement of the Resinol Chemical Company Building runs with full depth of the building and is accessible by a quarter-flight stair. The floor is poured concrete, the walls are exposed brick, and the ceiling covered with beaded metal sheets. A massive steam generator for the elevator is located along the west wall. The cylinder-shaped machine is marked "SNOWDEN and COWMAN, BALT, MD."

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The building was constructed in 1904 by Dr. Merville H. Carter, Allen L. Carter, and Henry S. Dulany as an industrial processing building for the Resinol Chemical Company, which manufactured medicinal soaps and ointments. The Italianate-style building continued to serve the company as a chemical manufacturing plant and headquarters until 1977, when it was purchased by the State of Maryland in 1980 for future use in the university system. Today, the Resinol Chemical Company Building survives as an unaltered example of the industrial processing and warehouse structures commonly constructed in Baltimore at the turn of the 20th century. The building is the first factory and distribution center for the Resinol Chemical Company, which merged with the Mentholatum Company.

**SITE HISTORY**

The Resinol Chemical Company Building, located at 517 West Lombard Street, was strategically located directly across from Davidge Hall, constructed in 1812 to the designs of Robert Cary Long, Sr. as the main university building for the College of Medicine of Maryland (later University of Maryland at Baltimore). The rectangular parcel, extending to Lemmon Street, was historically the site of a three-story townhouse, dating from the early to mid-19th century. The single-family dwelling was owned and occupied in 1901 by widow Jane Getty, who sold it to Merville H. Carter, Allen L. Carter, and Henry S. Dulany. The three men demolished the dwelling to allow for the construction of the industrial Resinol Chemical Company Building by 1904.

**BUILDING HISTORY**

Dr. Merville H. Carter, Allen L. Carter, and Henry S. Dulany constructed the three-story building at 517 West Lombard Street as an industrial processing factory and warehouse for their chemical company. Known as the Resinol Chemical Company, the manufacturing company produced Resinol Medicinal Soap and Resinol Medicinal Ointment. The Baltimore-based company, founded in 1895, declared worldwide sales by druggists, advertising in the 1906 city directory:

Resinol Soap is a chemically pure, medicated Toilet Soap. It has the same medicinal properties as Resinol Ointment, which is the best remedy known for every form of cutaneous disease.

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Dr. Melville Carter, a prominent physician from Virginia, was responsible for perfecting a medicinal ointment and soap which he often used on his own patients. Together with Allen Carter and Henry Dulany, Dr. Carter began to mass produce and distribute the ointment and soap to doctors and hospitals in Baltimore. Carter stopped practicing medicine, focusing all of his efforts on the business by 1902.

Packing and shipping for the Resinol Chemical Company was located on the first floor of the building at 517 West Lombard Street, while the company headquarters and advertising offices were on the second floor. Storage of stock and packaging were located on the third floor and the manufacturing was conducted on the fourth floor in large kettles. Expansion enabled the building at 517 West Lombard Street to function just as the distribution center by the 1950s. The soap was then made in a factory in Massachusetts, while the ointment was produced in New Jersey.

In 1929, Henry S. Dulany died, devising his one-third interest to his family, who sold it to Allen and Merville Carter. As co-partners in the Resinol Chemical Company, Merville and Allen Carter continued to operate the chemical company until their deaths in the 1930s. The Resinol Chemical Company operated under the direction of Melville Carter's son and grandson, with sales totalling about one million dollars per year. The Mentholum Company purchased the company in 1977 and has proceeded to produce Resinol Soap and Ointment, although they sold the building at 517 West Lombard Street in 1980. The State of Maryland purchased the building at that time for future use by the University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB). The building was by UMAB and the University of Maryland Medical System as a storage warehouse until July 1996.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930  
Modern, 1930-present

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and  
Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Urban

**Historic Function (s):** Industry/Processing/Extraction-  
Manufacturing Facility  
Commerce/Trade-Warehouse  
Vacant/Not in Use

**Known Design Source:** Unknown



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**Chain of Title for 517 West Lombard Street:**

August 16, 1901: Jane Getty to Merville H. Carter, Allen L. Carter, and Henry S. Dulany  
Land Records of Baltimore City,  
Liber RO 1916 Folio 388

April 8, 1929: Harry K. and Helen B. Dulany, et al, to Allen L. Carter and Merville H. Carter  
One-third interest  
Land Records of Baltimore City,  
Liber SCL 4990 Folio 47

January 25, 1937: Merville H. Carter and Allen L. Carter, co-partners of Resinol Chemical Company, to Allen L. Carter, et al, trading as the Resinol Chemical Company  
Land Records of Baltimore City,  
Liber SCL 5692 Folio 111

December 22, 1977: Allen L. Carter, et al, trading as the Resinol Chemical Company, to The Mentholatum Company  
Land Records of Baltimore City,  
Liber RHB 3560 Folio 235

June 23, 1980: The Mentholatum Company to the State of Maryland, for use in the University of Maryland system  
Land Records of Baltimore City,  
Liber WA 3933 Folio 271

Statement of Significance

The Resinol Chemical Company building at 517 West Lombard Street was one of only a few in the area to be continuously occupied by its original owner. Resinol is a name long associated with Baltimore's once flourishing patent medicine industry. Constructed in 1902, the building is now owned by the University of Maryland and still houses an original hydraulic elevator.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Resinol Chemical Company

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

517 West Lombard

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED (2)  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State of Maryland (Univ. of Md.)

Telephone #: 528-6975

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Lombard &amp; Greene Streets

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore, MD.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office

Liber #: WA 3922

Folio #: 271

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 4-story common bond brick commercial building is 3 bays wide on the 1st 3 stories and 4 bays wide on the 4th story.

The central entrance is composed of double wooden doors with glass panels. Like the flanking display windows, it is surmounted by a glass transom. Ionic columns separate this grouping from the end display windows below which are rectangular casement windows. The stone cornice slab advertising the concern carries opposing cartouches.

The 2nd and 3rd floor tripartite central windows are united by a common, vertical recessed enframement. Separated by muntins, they are double hung with 1/1 lights and segmentally arched on the 3rd floor. Rectangular inset panels with egg and dart molding mark the divisions between floors.

The flanking segmentally arched side windows on these floors are also vertically grouped. All carry gauged brick splayed lintels with keystones. The 3rd floor windows with 2/2 lights are further ornamented by stone sills.

Four symmetrical segmentally arched windows mark the 4th story facade. The windows are double hung with 2/2 lights, stone sills and gauged brick splayed lintels.

A heavily detailed cornice underlines the brick parapets. Beneath the fascia are supporting modillions underlined by egg and dart molding and a row of dentils.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1902 - 1978

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Historical Significance:

Resinol was founded in 1895 by Dr. Melville H. Carter, a prominent physician from Virginia who worked for many years in Baltimore hospitals. He perfected a medicinal ointment and soap which he used on his own patients and then began to distribute through other doctors. In 1900 he began to advertise. The product was so successful that they put up a new building in 1902 and Dr. Carter gave up his practice in order to become a full-time business man. He managed the company until his death in 1939. His son and grandson managed the firm since then. Sales totaled about \$1 million per annum.

They produced the ointment at the factory and sent the products all over the world. The soap was made in Massachusetts. More recently the ointment has been produced in New Jersey and the Baltimore building was used only as a distribution point. The Mentholatum Company bought Resinol in 1978 and continues to make the ointment, although they have sold the building to the University of Maryland. (3)

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Vertical Files, Baltimore Industrial Museum

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Weis, Philip Kahn

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

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1. SITE I.D. NO

B 1 0 7 4

## NAER INVENTORY

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

3. PRIORITY

4. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ UNKNOWN

5. DATE

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

7. OWNER/ADMIN

State of Maryland (University of Maryland)

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Resinol Chemical Company

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

Lombard and Greene Streets

10. STATE  
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.  
DIST.

3

STATE  
COUNTY

M D

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

Baltimore

CONG.  
DIST.

3

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET &amp; NO)

517 West Lombard

12. EXISTING  
SURVEYS☐ NR☐ NHL☐ HABS☐ HAER-I☐ HAER☐ NPS☐ CL6☐ CONF☐ STATE☐ COUNTY☐ LOCAL☐ OTHER

13. SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW)

☐ INTERIOR INTACT☐ EXTERIOR INTACT☐ ENVIRONS INTACT

14. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

SIGN

SCALE

☒ 1:24☐ 1:62.5

QUAD NAME Baltimore East

☐ OTHER

UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

SIGN

SCALE

☐ 1:24☐ 1:62.5

QUAD NAME

15. CONDITION

70 ☐ EXCELLENT71 ☐ GOOD72 ☐ FAIR73 ☐ DETERIORATED74 ☐ RUINS75 ☐ UNEXPOSED76 ☐ ALTERED77 ☐ DESTROYED85 ☐ DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

Phil Kahm, Robert Weis

AFFILIATION

Baltimore Industrial Museum

DATE

11/80

17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

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(CONT OVER)

18. ORIGINAL USE

Drug Manufactory

PRESENT USE

Vacant

ADAPTIVE USE

Educational

19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

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(CONT OVER)

20. URBAN AREA 50,000  
POP. OR MORE?☒ YES ☐ NO

21.

22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

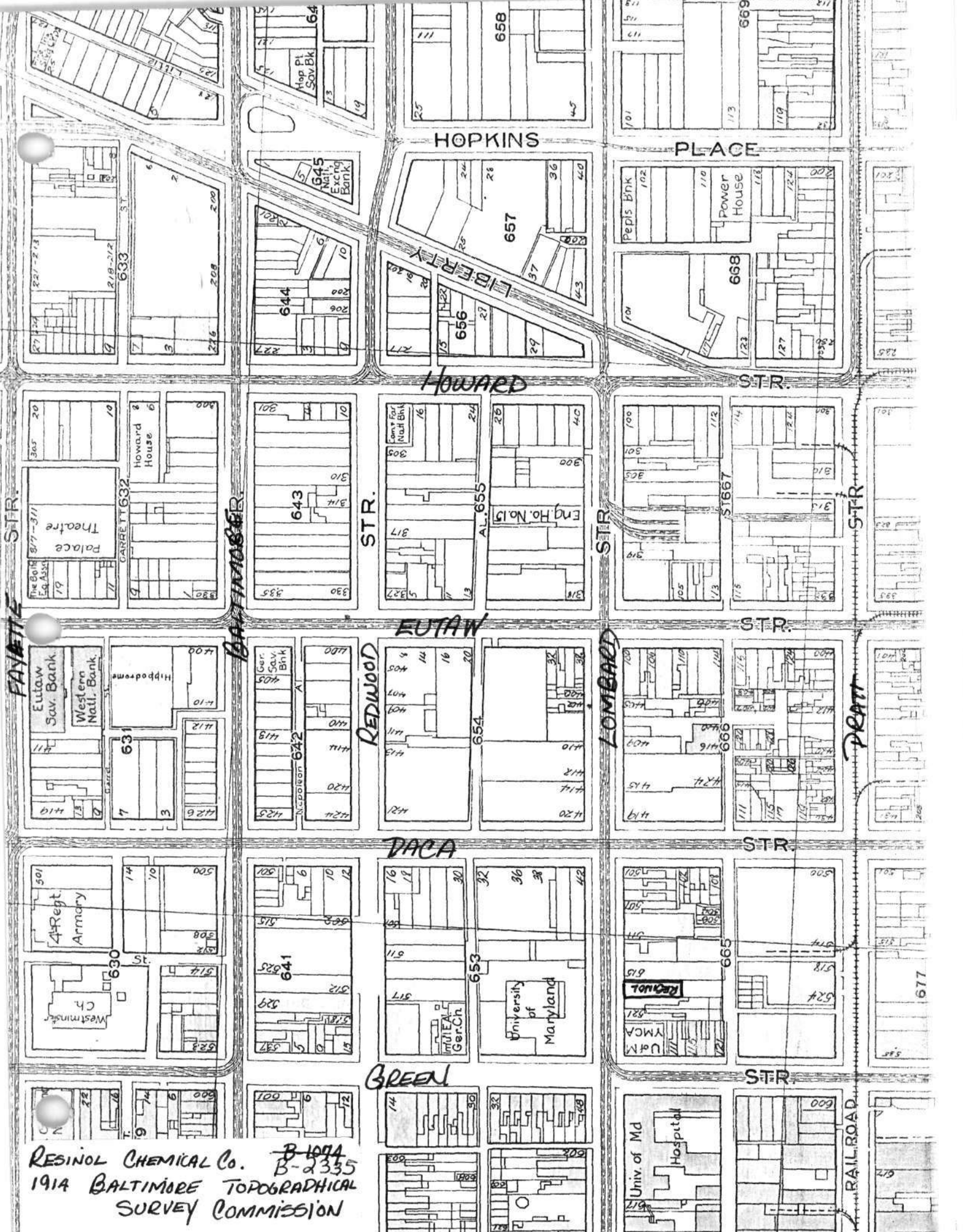
☒ YES, LIMITED☐ YES, UNLIMITED☐ NO☐ UNKNOWN23. EDITOR  
INDEXER

24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES☐ NO

NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO



RESINOL CHEMICAL CO. B-1004  
1914 BALTIMORE TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY COMMISSION B-2335





Resinol Chemical Co.  
Baltimore, MD  
U.S.G.S. 7.5# Baltimore East  
Quad

183603794349723

FERRY BAR CHANNEL (WEST SECTION)

FERRY BAR CHANNEL (EAST SECTION)

RESINOL CHEMICAL CO.  
183603794349723



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B - 2335

Resinol Building  
517 W. Lombard St.

J Brough Schamp, 5/96

Neg. at MD SHPO

Exterior Elevation, view of front

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Resinol Chemical Co. B-2335

Baltimore, MD

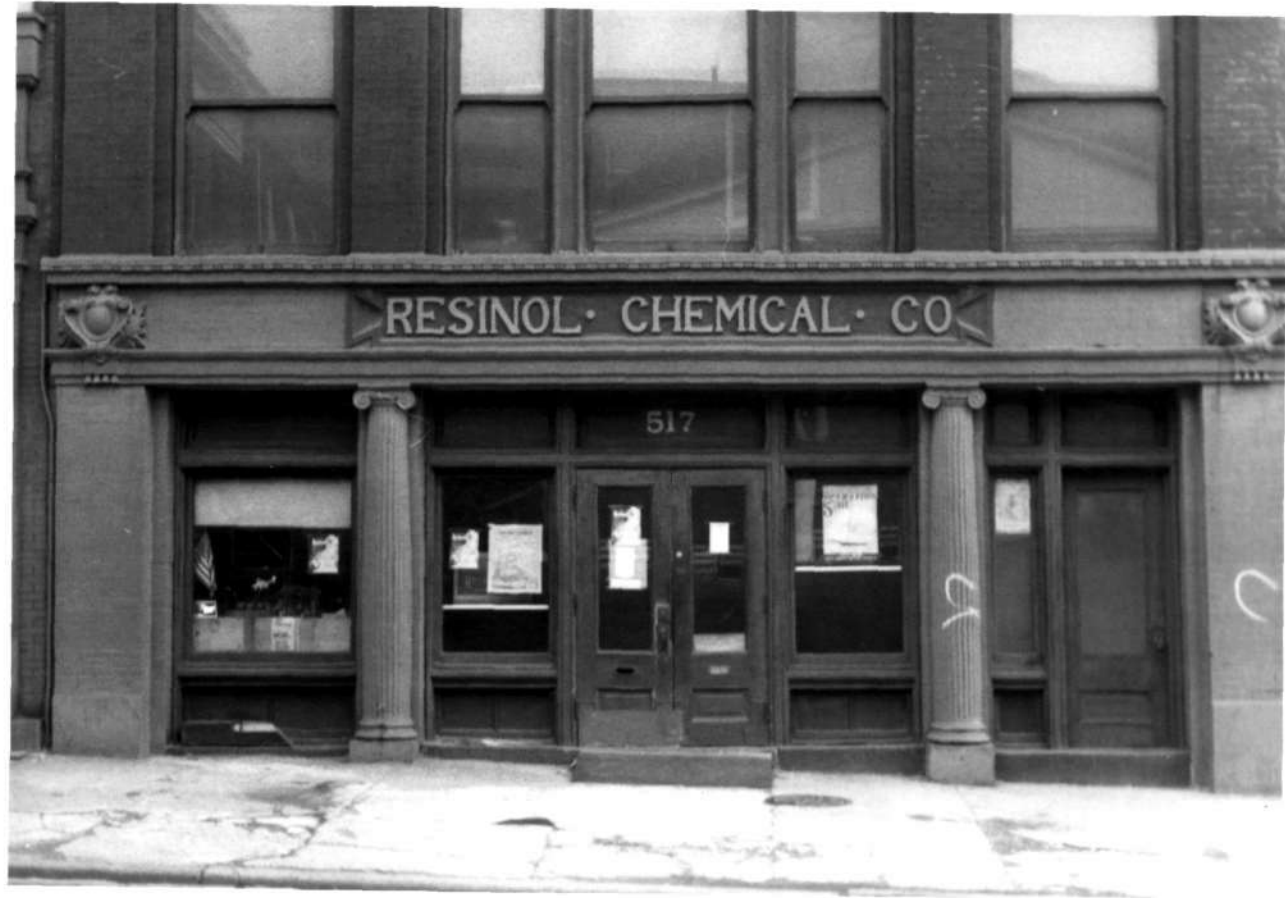
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1/81 / Lombard St. - looking SW

RESINOL · CHEMICAL · CO

517



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Baltimore, MD

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Jan. 1981

Detail - 1st Floor, Lombard St.  
facade





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Baltimore, MD

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Jan. 1981 / Looking SE



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Resinol Chemical Co. B-2335  
Baltimore, MD  
Photo: Dennis Zembala  
Neg. Loc.: MD Historic Trust  
1/81/Lombard St. facade - looking  
South



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Resinol Chemical Co. ~~B-2335~~  
Baltimore, MD  
Photo: Dennis Zembala  
Neg. Log.: MD Historic Trust  
1/81 / Rear of bld. - looking north

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MAGI#042235561150  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

517 W. Lombard Street

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

517 W. Lombard Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☒ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office, Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &  
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION  
Room 900

STATE

26 South Calvert St.  
Baltimore, Md. 21202



**7 DESCRIPTION**

B-2335

**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This 4-story common bond brick commercial building is 3 bays wide on the 1st 3 stories and 4 bays wide on the 4th story.

The central entrance is composed of double wooden doors with glass panels. Like the flanking display windows, it is surmounted by a glass transom. Ionic columns separate this grouping from the end display windows below which are rectangular casement windows. The stone cornice slab advertising the concern carries opposing cartouches.

The 2nd and 3rd floor tripartite central windows are united by a common, vertical recessed enframingent. Separated by muntins, they are double hung with 1/1 lights and segmentally arched on the 3rd floor. Rectangular inset panels with egg and dart molding mark the divisions between floors.

The flanking segmentally arched side windows on these floors are also vertically grouped. All carry gauged brick splayed lintels with keystones. The 3rd floor windows with 2/2 lights are further ornamented by stone sills.

Four symmetrical segmentally arched windows mark the 4th story facade. The windows are double hung with 2/2 lights, stone sills and gauged brick splayed lintels.

A heavily detailed cornice underlines the brick parapets. Beneath the fascia are supporting modillions underlined by egg and dart molding and a row of dentils.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of a row of still healthy small brick commercial buildings which complement Davidge Hall.

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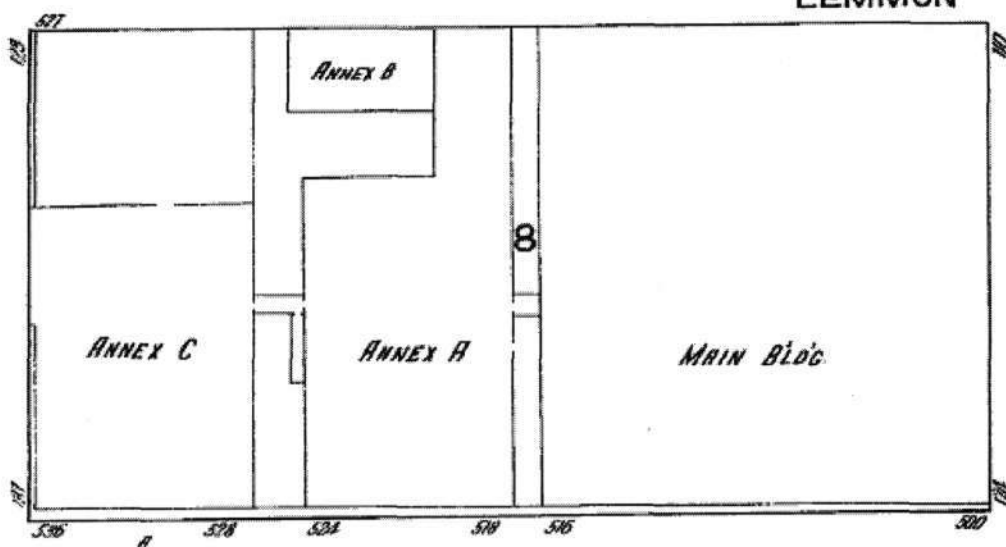
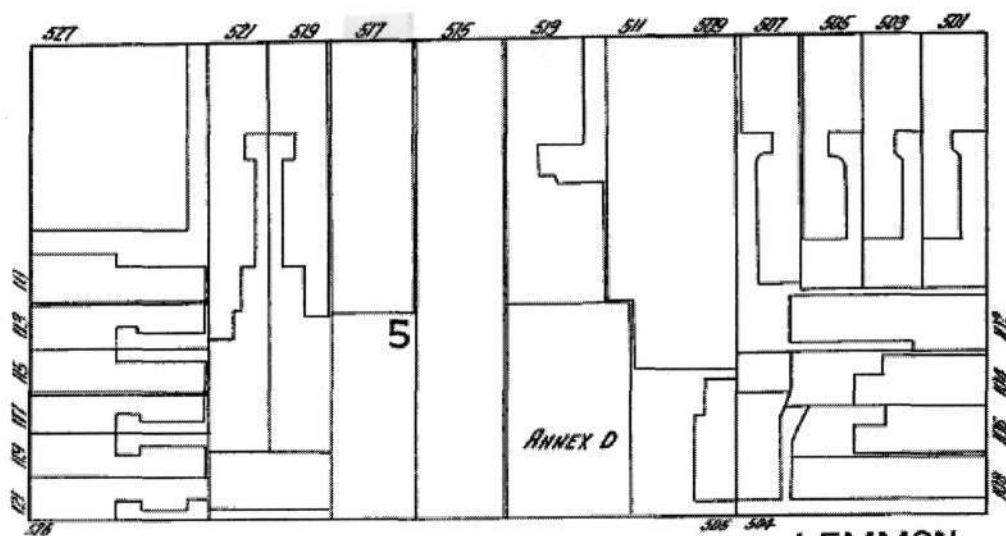
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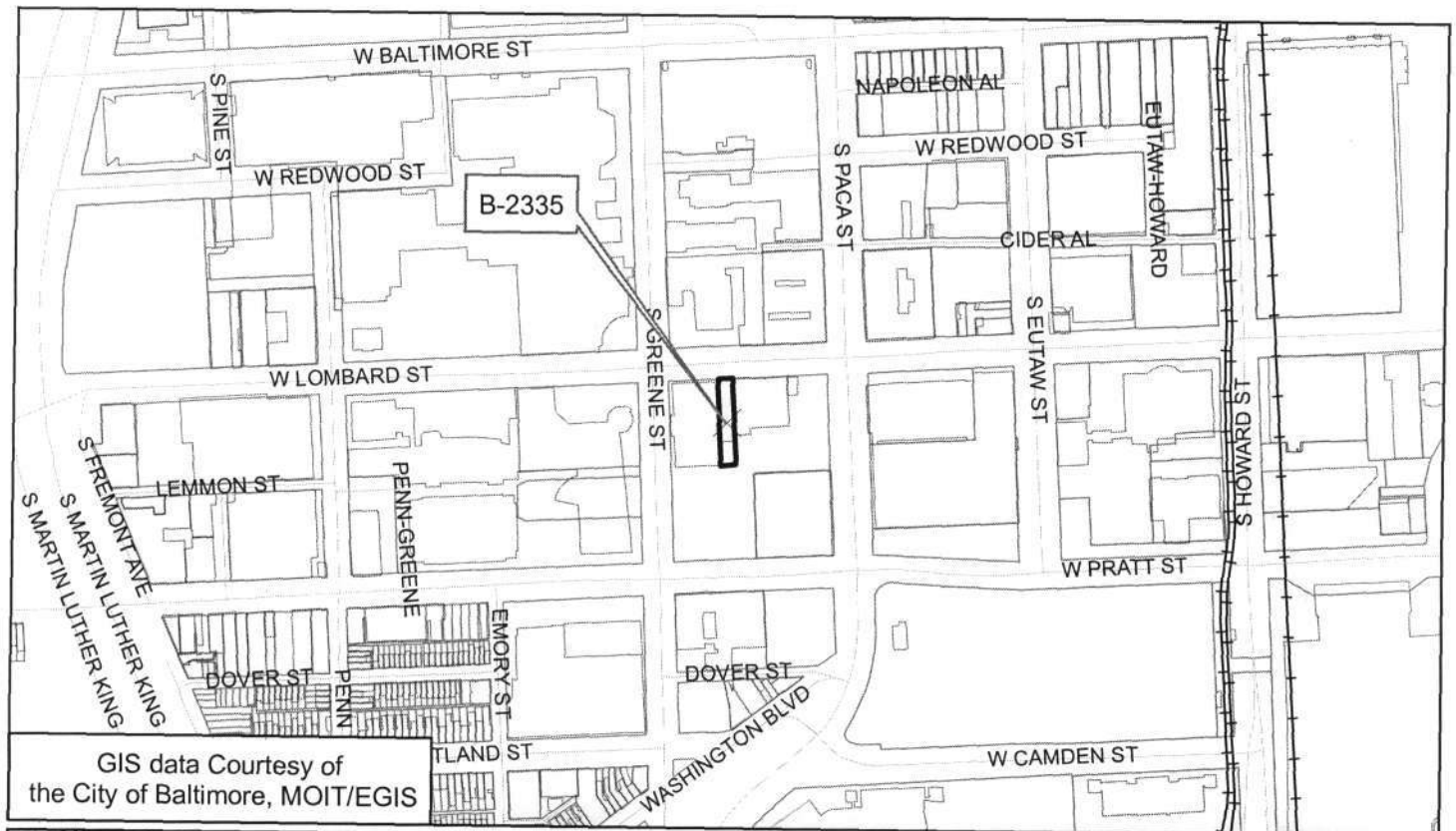


Scale of Feet.

W. PRATT

B-2335  
 Resinol Chemical Co. Building  
 517 W. Pratt Street  
 Block N/A Lot N/A  
 Baltimore City  
 Baltimore East Quad.

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